READING COMPREHENSION TOURISM

'Underwater rugby' is an unusual sport. People usually think that it's similar to rugby. It isn't. You play underwater, so you have to be able to swim well to play.



The game has two halves. Each half is 15 minutes. In the middle, the game stops and the players have a break for four minutes. There are two teams. One team usually wears white and the other team wears blue or black. This is to make it easy to see who is on your team and who isn't. Each team has 11 players. But your team can't have 11 players in the water at the same time. Only six people from each team can be in the water. It's very difficult to swim fast under water for a long time. So the other five players are substitutes: they go in and play when the other players get tired. Men and women can play in the same team.

There are two goals, one at each end of the swimming pool. They are like the baskets in basketball but they are on the bottom of the pool. To score a goal, you must put the ball in the basket. The ball has got salt water inside it. This makes the ball go down in the water, not up. The players mustn't take the ball out of the water. You mustn't attack another player. If you do, you have to be out of the water for two minutes and your team must play with only five people, not six.

Read the text again. Choose the best answers.

1 To play 'underwater rugby', it's important to be good at ...
   - **a** swimming.
   - **b** rugby.
   - **c** unusual sports.

2 The game lasts for ...
   - **a** 15 minutes.
   - **b** 30 minutes.
   - **c** 34 minutes.

3 You can easily see the different teams because ...
   - **a** one team has men, the other has women.
   - **b** they have very different colours.
   - **c** one team has to swim fast, but the other doesn't.

4 In a game of 'underwater rugby' there are usually ... players in the water in total.
   - **a** six **b** eleven **c** twelve

5 Which of these things is *not* bad?
   - **a** putting the ball in the air
   - **b** putting the ball in the basket
   - **c** playing with five people in your team

LIVEWORKSHEETS

Read the email. Choose the best answers.



Hi, Uncle Ben!

We're on holiday in France and it's really cool! We arrived here in Paris on Friday. We travelled on the Eurostar from London, which is brilliant. You don't have to wait for ages like at the airport and we got here so quickly! But Janie lost her ticket at the station and we had to spend a long time looking for it. Then I couldn't find my passport. In the end I found it in my bag.

But this city is great – I love Paris! It's very beautiful. Yesterday morning we went to the top of the Eiffel Tower. The view from the top is amazing. You can see clearly all over the city.

In the afternoon we went on a boat trip on the River Seine. The French guide gave us a lot of information. She spoke in French, but she also spoke English really well. Janie could understand the French, but I only understood the English. I can't speak French at all! After the boat trip I bought some souvenirs for my friends. They were quite expensive – just T-shirts and some books, but I spent most of my money. Paris isn't a cheap city!

We had to get back to the hotel early last night because we had some tickets for a theatre show in the evening. It was brilliant! There was lots of music and dancing. We went to bed really late and today I'm very tired. And I must get up early tomorrow to catch the train back. But I'm really enjoying Paris!

I can tell you more about the trip when I see you.

Bye for now!
Helena

1 Helena is Ben's …
a nephew. **b** aunt. **c** niece.

2 The Eurostar is …
a the luggage office in Paris.
b a French train station.
c a train from England to France.

3 Janie and Helena …
a both lost something. **b** lost their tickets.
c lost a bag and a passport.

4 First they went …
a on a river trip with a guide.
b to the top of the Eiffel Tower.
c to the shops.

5 Who understood French and English?
a Helena and Janie. **b** Janie and the guide.
c Helena and the guide.

6 Helena thinks the holiday is …
a boring. **b** cheap. **c** wonderful.

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